CORRESPONDENCE

Academy Expulsion

SIR,—In his report "Academy Squirms a Little in Sudden Spotlight" (*Nature*, 231, 6; 1971), your Washington correspondent concludes: "Nonetheless, the academy's standing among many younger scientists would probably be more enhanced if Lewontin were to be persuaded to remain a member and Shockley expelled". Would he be willing to describe in *Nature* how such an expulsion might be accomplished?

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Reprints for India

SIR,—It has been the experience of many Indian research workers that requests for reprints, particularly when made after the journals were received in this country, invariably brought regret cards. The *Current Contents* has helped to overcome this handicap to some extent. But even now we find that requests for reprints draw only negative replies. Many of the foreign journals are not within the reach

of all Indian workers for one reason or the other. Further, Indian workers do not have the privilege of having a 'Xerox' service. Even where it is available, the cost involved is prohibitive. May I therefore request, through your columns, that requests for reprints from developing countries should be given priority by investigators working in affluent circumstances?

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Philadelphia (Ph-1) Chromosome

SIR,—Belatedly, I have read the March 19 issue of *Nature*, with the paper by O'Riordan *et al.*¹ describing the identification of the Philadelphia chromosome, and your editorial comment "Still More Light on Human Chromosomes"².

In 1970, Drs Prieto, Forteza, Marco and I had the opportunity to study a woman with chronic myelogenous leuk-

aemia and a marker Philadelphia (Ph-1) chromosome³. Using autoradiography, we demonstrated that the Ph-1 chromosome had originated from a member of the early replicating, G-22 pair, and thus was different from the late replicating^{4,5}, G-21 chromosomes responsible for mongolism when in triplicate. O'Riordan *et al.*¹, using quinacrine fluorescence, have confirmed our findings while ignoring our work. Their results, no doubt, are extremely interesting, but neither the authors nor your editors² would have found them "unexpected" had they taken the trouble to read our paper, "Identification of the Philadelphia (Ph-1) Chromosome", published about a year ago.

Yours faithfully,

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⁴ Yunis, J. J., Hook, E. B., and Mayer, M., *Lancet*, i, 465 (1965).

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Announcements

University News

Professor D. V. Lindley, University College London, has been appointed visiting professor of statistics in the Department of Mathematics of the City University.

The following appointments have been made in the University of London: Professor M. Ledingham, to the chair of medicine tenable at London Hospital Medical College; Professor J. K. T. L. Nash, to the chair of civil engineering tenable at King's College; Dr A. S. Truswell, to the chair of nutrition and dietetics tenable at Queen Elizabeth College.

Professor L. R. B. Elton has been appointed to the new chair in science education within the Institute for Educational Technology, University of Surrey, and Professor J. A. Lauwerys has been appointed visiting professor in the Institute.

Miscellaneous

Dr Lionel Cox, Macmillan Bloedel Limited, and Mr V. N. Mackiw, Sherritt Gordon Mines Limited, have been appointed to the National Research Council of Canada.

Dr H. R. L. Streight, DuPont of Canada Limited, has been elected president of the Chemical Institute of Canada. The new president-elect is Professor Pierre Grenier, Laval University.

Mr S. R. Badley, BP Chemicals International Limited, has been appointed chairman of council of the Rubber and Plastics Research Association of Great Britain, in succession to Mr Harry Jackson.

Dr J. B. Armstrong, executive director of the Canadian Heart Foundation, has been elected president of the Biological Council of Canada for 1971-72, and Dr

Michael Shaw, University of British Columbia, has been elected vice-president.

The following elections were made at the anniversary meeting of the Linnean Society: president, Professor A. J. E. Cave; treasurer, F. R. Goodenough; secretaries, Professor R. D. Purchon, J. P. M. Brenan and Dr D. M. Kermack; vice-presidents, F. R. Goodenough, Dr R. W. J. Keay, D. C. McClintock and Dr H. P. Whiting. The Linnean gold medal was awarded to Dr C. R. Metcalfe, formerly keeper of the Jodrell Laboratory, Kew.

Nominations are invited by the Biochemical Society for the awards of the Colworth medal 1971 and the Ciba medal and prize 1971. The Colworth medal, donated by the Unilever Research Laboratory, is awarded annually to a young British biochemist, and the recipient is expected to deliver a lecture at a meeting of the Society and at one of the Unilever research laboratories. The Ciba medal and prize of £50 will be awarded for outstanding research in biochemistry carried